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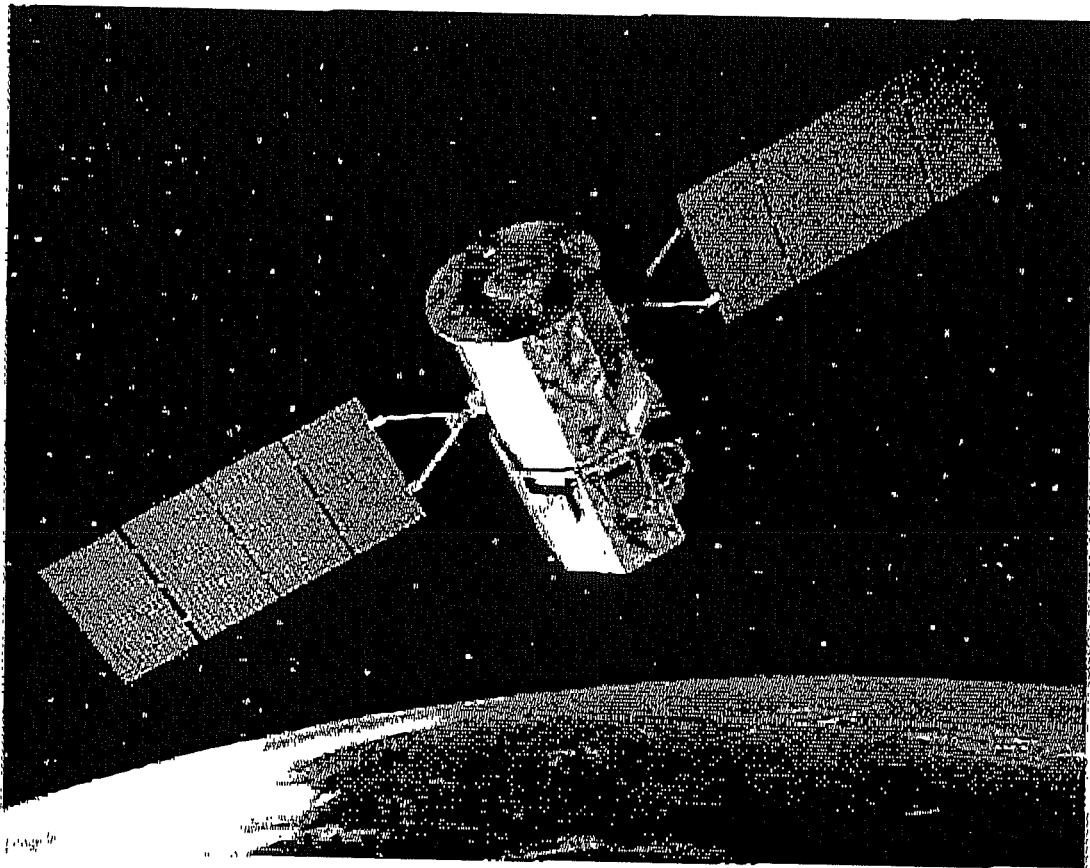
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- Nilesat 101, a geosynchronous communications satellite and the first satellite to be owned by an Arab country, was launched by an Ariane 4 rocket from Kourou, French Guyana on April 28, 1998.
- Nilesats 102 and 103 were launched in 2000 and 2005, respectively, and Nilesat 201 is planned to launch in 2010.
- The Nilesat Company now broadcasts more than 450 digital TV channels, including English speaking channels such as BBC World News, CNN International, Bloomberg TV and the Discovery Channel.

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